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**Congress of the United States**  
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October 6, 2005

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Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco and members of the California State Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors:

I am writing to express my support for the grant proposal submitted by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation. The Laguna Foundation is a local nonprofit committed to preserving and enhancing the Laguna's sensitive 250-square-mile watershed.

Laguna de Santa Rosa is the largest tributary of the Russian River and is among the most biologically diverse regions in Sonoma County. It is my understanding that funding for this project is essential for the first phase of the Foundation's Middle Reach Restoration Project. Phase I. will include restoring riparian seasonal wetland and oak woodland habitat in the most publicly visible and accessible portion of the Laguna. This proposal is an exciting step forward in efforts taken to improve water quality, preserve endangered and threatened wildlife habitat, and maintaining flood control.

I strongly support the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation and their past and future initiatives to preserve this vital watershed. This project will greatly benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my grants coordinator, Ed Sheffield, in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey  
Member of Congress

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October 12, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation has applied for funding through the State Coastal Conservancy for the Laguna Middle Reach Restoration Project, Phase I. This project will restore riparian, seasonal wetland and oak woodland habitat in the most publicly visible and easily accessed portion of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. I am writing to urge your support of this worthwhile project.

As you know, the Laguna de Santa Rosa is the largest tributary of the Russian River and Sonoma County's most biologically diverse region and is home to a broad range of wildlife including over 200 species of birds. Restoring the health of the Laguna has multiple public benefits ranging from enhancement of habitat for rare and endangered wildlife to improved water quality and flood control. Recognizing the Laguna's importance, the Conservancy has chosen to fund both the Laguna de Santa Rosa Resource Atlas and Protection Plan, published in 2003, and the Laguna Ecosystem Restoration and Management Plan (RMP), which will be completed in the Spring of 2006. This restoration project is the first implementation of the recommendations of the RMP.

The Laguna is a jewel of my District and this project is an exciting step forward in its restoration and renewal. In recent years, public attention to the Laguna has ramped up considerably, largely due to the efforts of the Laguna Foundation and its diverse board of directors.

This project, which will complement trails planned in the area by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, will mark the beginning of a broadly supported movement toward major restoration throughout the Laguna. I encourage you to approve the Laguna Foundation's application for funding for this exciting project.

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Please contact my office if you have further questions about my support for the Laguna Middle Reach Restoration Project, Phase I. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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WESLEY CHESBRO  
State Senator, Second District

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October 6, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco – Chairman of the Board  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco: 

I am writing to express my support for the funding application made by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation for Phase I of the Laguna Middle Reach Restoration Project. This project will restore riparian, seasonal wetland and oak woodland habitat in the most publicly visible and easily accessed portion of the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

The Laguna is the largest tributary of the Russian River and Sonoma County's most biologically diverse region – home to a broad range of wildlife including over 200 species of birds. Restoring the health of the Laguna has multiple public benefits ranging from enhancement of habitat for rare and endangered wildlife to improved water quality and flood control. Recognizing the Laguna's importance, the Conservancy has chosen to fund both the Laguna de Santa Rosa Resource Atlas and Protection Plan, published in 2003, and the Laguna Ecosystem Restoration and Management Plan (RMP), which will be completed in the spring of 2006. This restoration project is the first implementation of the recommendations of the RMP.

In recent years, public attention to the Laguna has increased considerably, largely due to the efforts of the Laguna Foundation and its diverse board of directors. I feel that this project, which will complement trails planned in the area by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, will mark the beginning of a broadly supported movement toward major restoration throughout the Laguna.

The Laguna is one of the great jewels in my district and this project is an exciting step forward in its restoration and renewal. I urge careful consideration and encourage you to accept the application for funding of this very exciting project.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me or my office should you have any further questions about my support for the Laguna Middle Reach Restoration Project, Phase I.

Respectfully,



PATTY BERG

Assemblywoman, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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cc: Mark Green, Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, Resource Director

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Board of Directors  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

In Re: Laguna de Santa Rosa, Middle Reach Restoration - Phase I

Dear Chairman Bosco and Directors:

I am writing to urge your support of a \$200,000 grant to support Phase I of the Middle Reach Restoration Project in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. This project will restore and re-establish connectivity for riparian, seasonal wetland, and oak woodland habitat in the most visible and accessible portions of the Laguna.

The Laguna is a defining feature of Sonoma County. In May of this year, I took my entire staff on a tour of the Laguna so that they could learn about the complexities of this beautiful area which features prominently in flood control, wildlife habitat, environmental education, and public recreational activity.

Perhaps the biggest challenge facing the Laguna is its need to be restored and managed. This is the precise goal of the Laguna Foundation, which has worked with sincere commitment to partner with the surrounding community not only to raise awareness about the Laguna but to craft a restoration and management plan. The project before you will mark the beginning of a broadly supported movement toward Laguna revival. It will complement other locally-generated initiatives, such as the recreational trails planned by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District as well as the Laguna Wetland Preserve on both public and private land.

The Conservancy has previously recognized the importance and integrity of the Laguna Foundation's work through the extension of financial support. But there is still much work that needs to be done to restore the brilliance of this jewel in my district. I urge your passage of funds to help this important work continue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (916) 319-2007. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

NOREEN EVANS,  
Assemblymember, 7<sup>th</sup> District

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ASSEMBLYMAN, SIXTH DISTRICT  
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*Director, Office of Policy Planning and Research*



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November 7, 2005

The Honorable Doug as H. Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Funding Request by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation for the Laguna Middle Reach Restoration Project, Phase I**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation's Laguna Middle Reach Restoration Project, Phase I, and their pending funding request to the California Coastal Conservancy. This project will restore riparian, seasonal wetland and oak woodland habitat in the most publicly visible and easily accessed portion of the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

The Laguna is the largest tributary of the Russian River and Sonoma County's most biologically diverse region, home to a broad range of wildlife including over 200 species of birds. Restoring the health of the Laguna has multiple public benefits ranging from enhancement of habitat for rare and endangered wildlife to improved water quality and flood control. Recognizing the Laguna's importance, the Conservancy has chosen to fund both the Laguna de Santa Rosa Resource Atlas and Protection Plan, published in 2003, and the Laguna Ecosystem Restoration and Management Plan (RMP), which will be completed in the spring of 2006. This restoration project is the first implementation of the recommendations of the RMP.

The Laguna Middle Reach Restoration Project, Phase I, is an exciting step forward in the restoration and renewal of the Laguna. I feel that this project, which will complement trails planned in the area by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, will mark the beginning of a broadly supported movement toward major restoration throughout the Laguna.

I fully support the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation's proposal to restore riparian, seasonal wetland and oak woodland in the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and I urge the California Coastal Conservancy to fund the Foundation's request for funding. Thank you for your attention and serious consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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JOE NATION  
Assemblyman, Marin and Sonoma Counties

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cc: Mark Green, Resource Development Director, The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

## Memorandum

To : Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Date: November 21, 2005

Ms. Maxene Spellman, Project Manager

From : Robert W. Floerke, Regional Manager   
Department of Fish and Game - Central Coast Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, California 94599

Subject : Laguna de Santa Rosa Restoration, Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation  
Santa Rosa, Sonoma County

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) fully supports the restoration of the Laguna de Santa Rosa (Laguna) for its fish and wildlife resources, and we have a cooperative and successful working relationship with the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation (The Foundation) for restoration projects within the Laguna. Historically they completed a valuable Swale and Hummock Project on our lands, and they just completed the first year of a five-year plan for control of water primrose (*Ludwigia hexapetala*). We have every confidence The Foundation can manage the proposed project as well.

The proposed Middle Reach Restoration Project, Phase 1, located between Highway 12 and Occidental Road, contains restoration projects that can be implemented immediately, including nearly two (2) miles of riparian corridor, ten (10) acres of upland oak savannah, as well as studies to provide specific engineering plans and environmental documentation for the restoration needs of five (5) acres of valuable seasonal wetlands. The project also includes the necessary removal of invasive pepperweed sites and ¼ mile of exclusion fencing to keep livestock out of the Laguna channel.

We fully support these projects in Phase 1 as the best way to move forward in the restoration of the Laguna, in a reach that is considerably more stable in its hydrology than other areas, and recommend disbursement of the requested \$200,000 funding.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Mr. Allan Buckmann, Associate Wildlife Biologist, at (707) 944-5537; or Ms. Terry Palmisano, Senior Wildlife Biologist, at (831) 649-2890.

cc: Mark Green  
Resource Development Director  
The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation  
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October 26, 2005

To: Douglas Bosco, Chairman, California State Coastal Conservancy:

The City of Santa Rosa developed Ranch Plans in 1999 for the Reclamation Farms (Alpha, Brown, Kelly and Stone) with the purpose of compliance with Clean Water Act to minimize non point source pollution, including soil erosion and nutrient runoff. Goals were established for each farm with planned management practices and an implementation schedule.

The Kelly Farm ranch plan specified the development of additional special management areas to be implemented by 2005. One area identified in the plan is farm grid 2, comprised of low seasonal wetlands and a rising slope. Although not specified in the ranch plan, the intention of establishing grid 2 as a special management area was to protect the seasonal wetlands from agricultural activities and restore valley oak groves on the slope.

We fully support the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation's Middle Reach Restoration Project. It is an ideal opportunity to forward our ranch plan goals and to do so with connection to the adjoining properties in this crucial reach of the Laguna. The California State Coastal Conservancy can count on the City of Santa Rosa's continuing support to ensure this project's success.

Sincerely,

  
Randy Piazza  
Reclamation Superintendent



Denise Cadman  
Natural Resource Specialist

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November 18, 2005

Chairman of the Board  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94162-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Conservation and restoration of the Laguna de Santa Rosa's diverse biological resources have long been a priority of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. To date, the District has protected over 2000 acres in the Laguna, including conservation easements over the Balletto property and City of Santa Rosa Farms.

We would like to express our support for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation's Middle Reach Restoration Project, Phase 1, which is currently being considered for grant funding by the State Coastal Conservancy. The Foundation's proposal to restore riparian habitat and oak savannah along the Laguna will enhance the open space values of the Balletto and Kelly Farm properties. In addition, the project will complement the proposed trails identified in this area as part of the District's Laguna de Santa Rosa Protected Lands Trails Plan.

The District appreciates the Conservancy's continued interest in conservation in the Laguna de Santa Rosa and throughout Sonoma County. We look forward to coordinating with you and the Foundation on future agreements that we understand will be required by the Conservancy for the project. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrea Mackenzie  
General Manager

c: Maxene Spellman, Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy  
Dan Schurman, Executive Director, Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation  
Maria J. Cipriani, SCAPOSD

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA  
COASTAL CONSERVANCY BY THE LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA FOUNDATION FOR THE  
MIDDLE REACH LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA RESTORATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Laguna de Santa Rosa is one of the most significant remaining wetlands in Northern California, and the Laguna de Santa Rosa has been severely degraded and reduced in scope over the last two centuries; and

WHEREAS, the community of Sebastopol has been a leader in seeking protection and restoration of the Laguna and its resources, creating the first Laguna public park, the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve, and engaging in substantial native plant restoration efforts, public education, and provision of low-impact public access; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the City of Sebastopol and other agencies and landowners, the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, a Sonoma County non-profit dedicated to Laguna protection and restoration, has assembled a grant application to the California Coastal Conservancy and other organizations to fund a significant restoration project, which would include lands owned by the City of Sebastopol (Meadowlark Field, formerly known as the Barlow Field), and the Foundation is seeking formal City support for this application; and

WHEREAS, control of the invasive plant *Lepidium latifolium* in the project area will be critical to the success of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to fulfilling its responsibility to substantially controlling *Lepidium latifolium* on its property such that it does not expand in size or density from its current distribution, interfere with the project's proposed restoration plantings, nor propagate onto adjacent properties. In the event that local non-toxic efforts to address Pepperweed are ineffective, the City will review reports on the effectiveness of other techniques and support other techniques proven effective in other areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol expresses its support of the Middle Reach Laguna de Santa Rosa Restoration Project and approves the filing of grant applications to the California Coastal Conservation and other agencies to implement this project.

Approved and Adopted on the 19th day of July, 2005.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by City of Sebastopol City Council following a roll call vote:

City of Sebastopol City Council:

Ayes:	Councilmembers Gurney, Kelley, Litwin, Pierce and Mayor Robinson
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Larry Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Hollie Fiori, City Clerk